

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy, Janet Smith and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Chief Art Reed, Les Case and Wendy Chase.

Correspondence from Fran Lane regarding the Case case and the Scanlon Irrevocable Letter of Credit was reviewed.

Chief Reed informed the Board that Melissa Lajoie's last day will be Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. He also informed them that he has hired Ryan Sambataro to replace Melissa.

Chief Reed would like to set up a meeting with the Selectmen in the near future to discuss where the Board envisions the Police Department to be in the next few years and to discuss ideas Chief Reed has as well. James would like the Chief to comprise a list of ideas that he would like to discuss.

A letter from Lionel Ingram, Chairman of the Exeter Board of Selectmen regarding the future courthouse for our district was read. The State would probably only fund a joint court. Separate courts would have to be funded by the communities in the two districts (Hampton and Exeter), and then rented to the State. James made a motion to recommend a joint courthouse for the Exeter/Hampton region, Janet seconded and all were in favor. Wendy was directed to contact Mr. Ingram and inform him of this decision.

The Hemlock Court cul-de-sac was discussed. Roberta reported to the Board that she received an email from the Garden Club. They will not maintain the cul-de-sac and suggested that the residents of Hemlock Court be asked to maintain it.

The Moulton quote for maintaining the Hemlock Court cul-de-sac was reviewed. The Board agreed that it was too high. James will draft a letter to send to the residents of Hemlock Court.

Les Case was in to discuss his proposed subdivision and the old Grist Mill site. Mr. Case has a petition for quiet title before the Superior Court regarding this property.

James reminded Mr. Case that the tax card and tax map does not prove ownership of property.

Mr. Case asked that if the Town owns the land he would like to purchase it from the Town. James reminded him that it was determined that the Town does not own the property. Roberta explained that if the Town had proof they owned the property we would immediately have it recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

Fran Lane has recommended to the Planning Board that they not accept Les Cases subdivision application that includes the Grist Mill site.

Janet asked Mr. Case if he could subdivide the property without including the Grist Mill site. Mr. Case responded by saying he has not put that question before the Planning Board yet.

James stated that the Board will wait for the Superior Court decision. The Board agreed.

Michael Sununu informed the Selectmen that he and Jamie were the only Committee members to attend the scheduled Budget Advisory Committee meeting this evening. A new meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Wendy will email all the members and inform them.

Wendy informed the Board that she is still waiting to hear from Plodzik and Sanderson in regards to scheduling a representative to meet with the Board to discuss the 2004 audit. James reminded the Board that a list of questions should be compiled and sent to the Auditors prior to the meeting.

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank Chief Reed and the entire Police Department for their hard work and achievement in regards to receiving the Certificate of Accreditation. It is a testament to their dedication and duty which reflects their Department and the Town of Newfields.

Roberta made a motion to approve the July 5, 2005 minutes as amended, James seconded and Janet abstained.

Wendy was directed to contact Reuben Hull in regards to ADA compliancy.

James informed the Board that he spoke to David Dwyer and he will help prepare the salt shed easement.

Wendy was directed to write a letter to Joseph and Joanne Clark requesting permission to enter their property for a lot inspection on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Wendy will write a draft and send to the Selectmen for review before sending it out.

The Selectmen reviewed a Piscassic Greenway easement draft. They will discuss it in further detail at a future Selectmen's meeting. Wolfe Tone and Brian Hart will be July 26th to discuss the easement.

Roberta made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm, James seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase